



# MONTAGUE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 13, 2012

6:30 PM

Town Hall Upstairs Conference Room

**Commissioners Present:** Mark Fairbrother-Chair, Sean Werle, Donna Francis, Addie Holland Justin Fermann and Deb Picking

**Commissioners Absent:** none

**Staff Present:** Walter Ramsey- Agent

**Motion** was made by Deb P to accept the June 14, 2012 minutes. *Seconded by, Sean W. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Motion** was made by Deb P to accept the July 12, 2012 minutes. *Seconded by, Donna F. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Request for Determination of Applicability #2012-05 filed by Suzanne Webber** for a proposed 700 square foot residential addition within the buffer zone of a jurisdictional wetlands resource area at 119 Old Sunderland Road Montague, MA (Assessors Map 51, Lot 2).

No abutters were present. Suzanne Webber presented her plans to the commission. Walter reported his visit to the site and shared photographs for the file. The work was determined to be in a previously disturbed lawn area and will not have a detrimental impact on the wetland if construction is managed properly. There was deliberation about the timing of the project and the amount of erosion control that would be necessary. Deb P recommended that the erosion control barrier be moved west and be no shorter than 75 feet to capture any potential runoff. The commissioners reached consensus that both a silt and haybale fence shall be necessary since the construction will likely not be completed by winter.

**Motion** was made by Justin F. for a negative determination Box 3 and 6. Work is within the Buffer zone, as defined in the regulations, but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a NOI, subject to the following conditions: 1) Silt and haybale erosion control barrier of no less than 75 linear feet to be installed as depicted on the plan dated 9/13/2012. 2) Barrier to be inspected by the Commission or its agent prior to construction. *Seconded by Sean W. Motion passed unanimously.*

## **Other Business: Agent provided updates on the following items:**

- a. Walnut Street correspondence- Walter shared a complaint raised by Walnut Street residents about erosion caused by an intermittent stream. Walter recommended that they contact the utility company to see if they will secure the at-risk transformer box. More native plantings and hardwood trees will help stabilize the banks. Proper permits will need to be filed for any bank remediation or repair. Given the sensitive nature and

- development intensity of the neighborhood the commission and Planning Board will take special consideration for future development projects in that area.
- b. Greenfield Road NOI 2000-10- Permit is still valid per the Mass Permit Extension Act, but is set to (re) expire in October. No action to be taken.
  - c. Sawmill River Restoration Project Update NOI 2012-01- Project is underway and on-schedule. Walter and several commissioners have been out to the site several times before and during construction.
  - d. South Street Bridge Dredging Update NOI 2012-02- A complaint has been filed with DEP by abutter Suzanne Kretzenger. The issue involves impacts to the the easterly Sawmill River bank north of the South Street Bridge. Applicant claims that the Montague DPW went beyond the scope authorized under the Order of Conditions by entering her property to work on the bank. Walter has been to the site with DEP. An enforcement order from DEP to Montague DPW to take corrective action will likely be filed.

***Motion made by Sean W to adjourn at 7:35 PM. Seconded by, Donna Francis. Motion passed unanimously.***

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_